

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus capable of copying image information recorded on a first recording medium onto a second recording medium, comprising:

display control means for controlling displaying of a copying operation window which includes a first icon corresponding to the first recording medium, at least one image information icon corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium and a second icon corresponding to the second recording medium;

moving means for selecting and moving one of the at least one image information icon in the copying operation window;

determining means for determining if the moving means moves the one of the at least one image information icon to the second icon;

means for requesting a user input based on a result of the determining means;

first setting means for setting whether or not a data format of the image information determined as an object of copying by the moving means should be converted based on the user input;

readout means for reading out the image information corresponding to the one of the at least one image information icon selected by said moving means from the first recording medium;

conversion means for converting the data format of the image information read out by said readout means based on the setting of said first setting means; and

writing means for writing the image information read out by said readout means or the image information converted by said conversion means onto the second recording medium based on the setting of said first setting means.

Claim 2 (Original): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first recording medium is built in said information processing apparatus, and the second recording medium is an external storage medium which can be removably connected to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said conversion means converts the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 2 system to that of a MPEG 1 system.

Claim 4 (Original): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising second setting means for setting whether or not the image information of an original determined as the object of copying should be deleted, and deletion means operable in response to a result of the setting of said second setting means for either deleting or placing into a disabled state the image information of the original of the object of copying recorded on the first recording medium after the processing of said writing means is completed.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): An information processing method for an information processing apparatus which is capable of copying image information recorded on a first recording medium onto a second recording medium, comprising:

controlling displaying of a copying operation window which includes a first icon corresponding to the first recording medium, at least one image information icon corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium and a second icon corresponding to the second recording medium;

selecting and moving one of the at least one image information icon on the copying operation window;

determining if in the selecting and moving step the one of the at least one image information icon moves to the second icon;

requesting a user input based on a result of the determining step;

setting whether or not a data format of the image information determined as an object of copying in the selecting and moving step should be converted based on the user input;

reading out the image information corresponding to the one of the at least one image information icon selected in the selecting and moving step from the first recording medium;

converting the data format of the image information read out in the reading step based on the setting made in the setting step; and

writing the image information read out in the reading step or the image information converted in the converting onto the second recording medium based on the setting made in the setting step.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A program storage medium on which a computer-readable program for controlling copying of image information recorded on a first recording medium onto a second recording medium is recorded, the program including instructions that when executed by a processor perform steps comprising:

controlling displaying of a copying operation window which includes a first icon corresponding to the first recording medium, at least one image information icon corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium and a second icon corresponding to the second recording medium;

selecting and moving one of the at least one image information icon on the copying operation window;

determining if in the selecting and moving step the one of the at least one image information icon moves to the second icon;

requesting a user input based on a result of the determining step;

setting whether or not a data format of the image information determined as an object of copying in the selecting and moving step should be converted based on the user input;

reading out the image information corresponding to the one of the at least one image information icon selected in the selecting and moving step from the first recording medium;

converting the data format of the image information read out in the reading step based on the setting made in the setting step; and

writing the image information read out in the reading step or the image information converted in the converting step onto the second recording medium based on the setting made in the setting step.

Claim 7 (New): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said conversion means converts the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 1 system to that of a MPEG 2 system.

Claim 8 (New): An information processing method according to claim 5, wherein the converting step includes converting the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 1 system to that of a MPEG 2 system.

Claim 9 (New): An information processing method according to claim 5, wherein the converting step includes converting the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 2 system to that of a MPEG 1 system.

Claim 10 (New): A program storage medium according to claim 6, wherein the converting step includes converting the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 1 system to that of a MPEG 2 system.

Claim 11 (New): A program storage medium according to claim 6, wherein the converting step includes converting the data format of the image information from that of a MPEG 2 system to that of a MPEG 1 system.